

BTS Newsletter - March 2008

New Breath Alcohol Program Manager.

Darren Jewkes has recently been promoted to be the new Breath Alcohol Program Manager for the State of Idaho. I come from a wide forensic background having worked for the State of Utah Crime Lab, the Colorado Bureau of Investigation and the Ada County Sheriff's Office as a Latent Fingerprint Examiner and Crime Scene Investigator before being hired by ISP. I'm really looking forward to working in the Breath Alcohol Program. Be patient with me as I am currently "in-training" with a great deal to learn in a short amount of time. Thanks.

My current contact information: Direct line: 208-884-7181 and Email:
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Have you visited the Breath Alcohol Program website lately?

<http://www.isp.state.id.us/forensic/alcohol.html>

- The most current, up-to-date breath alcohol related information and documentation is found on the website. Check there first for the latest version of the Breath Alcohol SOP, IZ and Alco-SensorIII Training Manuals, Idaho Code for breath testing rules, certificates of analysis for simulator solutions, upcoming training information and the latest version of the BTS Newsletter.

Lifeloc - FC20 is approved for evidentiary use in Idaho as of Feb. 1, 2008.

Changeover classes for currently certified Breath Testing Specialists are now scheduled for March 6 and April 3 from 0800 to 1700 at POST classroom H. Bring your FC20, printer and simulator. Call Darren at 884-7181 to register.

Remember, all FC20's need to be sent to the Meridian ISP laboratory for inspection and certification prior to attending a changeover class.

Final FC20 approval specifies the impact printer, not the thermal printer to avoid the possible loss of the printer results that can occur with thermal paper.

Reminder: Idaho does not use gas cylinders for calibration checks. Cylinders should not be purchased when ordering from Lifeloc.

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Reminder: New or expired operators need to attend a full operator class, which includes theory and operation of instruments, alcohol physiology, Idaho Code dealing with breath testing and the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for breath testing. Anyone seeking BTS certification should have received operator training prior to coming to a BTS class.

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State of Idaho is not certifying NEW Alco-Sensor III's after March 1, 2008.

Existing Alco-Sensor III's will be phased-out and replaced by the new Lifeloc FC20's. ISP Forensic Services will continue to support ASIII's through 2013.

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Policy change regarding ranges for simulator solutions.

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Modified the accepted range for simulator solutions to +/- 10%, eliminating the +/- 0.01 provision. Added "Established target values may be different from those shown on the bottle label"

February 13, 2008

Previously the range for the 0.08 and 0.20 has been plus or minus 0.01, but we have adopted a straight plus or minus 10% for the 0.08 and 0.20. The use of plus or minus 0.01 led many attorneys to incorrectly believe that the +/- 0.01 was an established margin of error for the instruments.

In order to make it easier for the BTS's to determine the acceptable range for the simulator solution the range is included with the **certificate of analysis**, which can be located on our website: <http://www.isp.state.id.us/forensic/alcohol.html> AND future bottles of RepCo Simulator Solution will have the ranges printed on the labels.

For example the current solution is lot 07804. The target value is 0.081, and the acceptable range is 0.073 to 0.089 (10% of 0.081).

NOTE: A question was raised by one of our BTS about which range to use if you still have some .08 simulator solution from lot #07801. You can still use the old range (0.070 to 0.090) until lot #07801 expires August 2008. Please call or email if you still have questions.

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Alco-SensorIII and IZ 5000 BTS classes:

- POST classroom D, 0830 March 27th (IZ 5000) and March 28th for Alco-Sensor III.

Call Darren at 884-7181 to register.

- Alco-Sensor and IZ 5000 BTS Class in Coeur d'Alene, April 3 and 4, 2008

Call Jeremy Johnston at 769-1410 to register

Upcoming class information is posted on our website:

<http://www.isp.state.id.us/forensic/alcohol.html>

ATTENTION

Updated Contact Information Needed for all BTS!!

In an effort to communicate more effectively with all Breath Testing Specialists we are updating all of our current contact information including email addresses and phone numbers. Please fill out the information and FAX it, mail it, or Email the information back to the Meridian ISP Forensic Services. Thanks.

Name: _____

Agency: _____

Best phone number(s) to reach you: _____

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